



THE VITAL LINK FIVE MINUTES CHILDREN'S LIST (0 – 10 yrs)

The **Vital Link Five Minutes** reading promotion is aimed at Dads with a text readability level between 9 – 14 (Entry Level 3 to Level 2) who have children 0 – 10 years. Five Minutes features books that Dads will enjoy sharing with their children as well as reading for themselves. Five Minutes supports work on The Vital Link, the family-focused part of BBC RaW, the Family Reading Campaign, Bookstart and Sure Start.

The **Vital Link Five Minutes Children's List** is a combination of fiction and non-fiction titles in various formats (picture, board, lift the flap). All titles on the booklist have been checked against the Vital Link Stock Selection Criteria for their accessibility and also Nielsen Bookfind for availability. The booklist provides the following information: the author/editor, title, publisher, ISBN, format, number of pages, genre, SMOG, literacy core curriculum level, price, publication date and distributor.

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The **Vital Link Five Minutes Dad's List** can also be downloaded from www.vitallink.org.uk

Note on the booklists

Five Minutes is designed to be a mixed collection of both adult and children's titles. If it is being displayed in a library it can go both within the adult and children's areas. The adult titles have been selected for their potential to attract Dads into picking them up and reading them and so are linked to interests and genres that might appeal to them. You may feel that you would want to hold some of the titles back if you are displaying Five Minutes in the children's area for specific work with Dads. The children's series categories of the list identify popular series which you can add into your core collection.

The Vital Link Five Minutes display materials

Produced in eye-catching black and white and branded with the BBC RaW logo, the Five Minutes display materials feature a man shaving with the strapline **'It takes five minutes...so does a story'**. The display materials include: banners, A3 headers, A4 posters, A6 postcards and stickers. Packs and top-ups of the Five Minutes display materials are available for immediate dispatch and can be ordered online from www.readingagency.org.uk.

Websites to support work with emergent readers and their children

If you're looking for ideas and inspiration for your work with families and emergent readers, these websites are worth checking out:

- www.vitallink.org.uk the site for work with emergent readers/skills for life learners: case studies, reader development ideas, online toolkit, evaluation toolkits and reports, resources, booklists, guidance on selecting stock, the Reading for Pleasure Campaign and weblinks

- www.bbc.co.uk/raw BBC RaW site – public-facing to engage emergent readers plus resources for practitioners
- www.firstchoicebooks.org.uk online database of titles suitable for emergent readers
- www.familyreading.org.uk draws together good practice and advice around promoting reading to and engaging families with reading

The Vital Link programme

The Vital Link brings together libraries and basic skills providers to promote reading for pleasure to adults with low literacy. To be kept up-to-date on the Vital Link and BBC RaW sign-up for the eletter. Email your full contact details to: resources@readingagency.org.uk

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Author	Title	Publisher	ISBN	Format	pgs	Genre	SMOG	Level	Price	Pub Date	Distributor
1. CHILDREN'S TITLES: 0 –5 YEARS:											
	Big Building Site	Dorling Kindersley	978-1-4053-1630-9	board	12		9 to 10	E3	£4.99	2006	Penguin Books
Jez Alborough	Tall	Walker	978-1-4063-0173-1	pictur e	40			below E3	£5.99	2006	Macmillan Distribution
Giles Andreae/Nick Sharratt	Pants	David Fickling Books	978-0-385-61039-1	pictur e	26		9 to 10	E3	£4.99	2006	TBS The Book Service
Jill Bennett/Nick Sharratt	Noisy Poems	OUP	978-0-19-276325-9	pbk	32	Poems	9 to 12	E3/1	£4.99	2004	OUP Distribution Servic
Sebastien Braun	I Love My Daddy	Boxer Books	978-0-9547373-9-9	pictur e	32	Familie s	9 to 10	E3	£5.99	2006	Bookpoint
Brian Bromberg	Dora the Explorer: Essential Guide	Dorling Kindersley	978-1-4053-1426-8	hbk	48		11 to 12	L1	£5.99	2006	Penguin Books
Rod Campbell	Dear Zoo	Mantra Linqua	978-1-84444-176-1	board	32		9 to 10	E3	£6.50	2004	Mantra Linqua
Kathryn Cave/Chris Riddell	Out for the Count	Frances Lincoln	978-1-84507-539-2	pictur e	32	Humour	9 to 10	E3	£5.99	2006	Bookpoint
Glenn Dakin	Wallace and Gromit Essential Guide	Dorling Kindersley	978-1-4053-1019-2	hbk	48	Humour	11 to 14	L1/L2	£9.99	2005	Penguin Books
Julia Donaldson	The Snail and The Whale	Campbell Books	978-1-4050-5425-6	board	32	Picture		below E3	£5.99	2002	Macmillan Distribution
Ills. Jacqueline East	That's When I'm Happy	Meadowside Children's Books	978-1-84539-113-3	pictur e	32		9 to 10	E3	£4.99	2005	Littlehampton Book Services
Jan Fearnley	Mr Wolf's Pancakes	Egmont	978-1-4052-1581-7	pictur e	32		9 to 10	E3	£5.99	2004	HarperCollins Distribution
Yves Got	Louie's Little Zoo	Zero to Ten	978-1-84089-316-8	pictur e	105		9 to 10	E3	£5.99	2004	Evans Publishing Distribution

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Kes Gray	Billy's Bucket	Red Fox	978-0-09-943874-8	pictur e	29		9 to 10	E3	£5.99	2004	TBS The Book Service
Mike Haines/David Melling	Fidget and Quilly Are you ready?	Hodder Children's	978-0-340-85197-5	pictur e	20		9 to 12	E3/L1	£7.99	2003	Bookpoint
Sue Heap/Nick Sharratt	One to Ten and Back Again	Viking Children's Books	978-0-670-89445-1	pbk	32	Number s	9 to 10	E3	£10.99	2004	Penguin Books
Sue Heap/Nick Sharratt	Faster, Faster! Nice and Slow!	Puffin	978-0-14-056787-8	pictur e	32		9 to 10	E3	£5.99	2006	Penguin Books
Sue Heap/Nick Sharratt	Alphabet Ice Cream : A Fantastic Fun-filled ABC	Puffin	978-0-14-138232-6	pictur e	32		9 to 10	E3	£9.99	2006	Penguin Books
Sue Heap/Nick Sharratt	Mixed Up Fairy Tales	Hodder Children's	978-0-340-87558-2	pbk	30	Fairy tales	9 to 10	E3	£6.99	2005	Bookpoint
Katharine Holabird	My First Cookbook	Dorling Kindersley	978-1-4053-1143-4	hbk	32	Cooker y	13 to 14	L2	£6.99	2005	Penguin Books
Curtis Jobling	My Daddy	Picture Lions	978-0-00-712255-4	pictur e	32			below E3	£5.99	2004	HarperCollins Distribution Service
Mij Kelly & Russell Ayto	One More Sheep	Hodder Children's	978-0-340-80586-2	pictur e	32		9 to 10	E3	£5.99	2005	Bookpoint
Susannah Leigh	Puzzle Mountain	Usborne	978-0-7460-1288-8	pbk	32	Puzzle	11 to 12	L1	£4.99	1993	HarperCollins Distribution Service
Virginia Miller	Be Gentle	Walker	978-0-7445-8131-7	board	24		11 to 12	L1	£4.99	2002	Macmillan Distribution
Jill Murphy	Peace at Last	Macmillan	978-0-333-63198-0	pictur e	32		9 to 10	E3	£4.99	1995	Macmillan Distribution
David Roberts	Dirty Bertie	Little Tiger Press	978-1-85430-820-7	pictur e	32			below E3	£5.99	2003	Macmillan Distribution
Tony Ross	I Want To Go Home	Anderson	978-1-84270-585-8	pictur e	32		9 to 10	E3	£9.99	2006	TBS The Book Service
Nick Sharratt	First Picture Dictionary	Collins Educational	978-0-00-720345-1	pbk	48	Diction ary	9 to 10	E3	£5.99	2005	HarperCollins Distribution Service
Nick Sharratt	Don't Put Your Finger In The Jelly Nelly	Scholastic	978-0-439-95062-6	pbk	32		9 to 10	E3	£5.99	2006	Scholastic Ltd

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Nick Sharratt	Shark in the Park	David Fickling Books	978-0-385-60812-1	board	32		9 to 10	E3	£4.99	2006	TBS The Book Service
Nick Sharratt	One to Ten and Back Again	Viking Children's Books	978-0-670-89445-1	pbk	32	Number s	9 to 10	E3	£10.99	2004	Penguin Books
Nick Sharratt/Irene Yates	Faster, Faster! Nice and Slow!	Puffin	978-0-14-056787-8	pictur e	32		9 to 10	E3	£5.99	2006	Penguin Books
ed. Claire Sipi	Build It!	Penguin Character Books	978-4059-0219-9	board	12		9 to 10	E3	£6.99	2006	Penguin Books
Jack Tickle	The Very Busy Bee	Little Tiger Press	978-1-84506-163-0	pop-up	18		9 to 10	E3	£7.99	2005	Macmillan Distribution
Fiona Watt	That's Not My Fairy	Usborne	978-0-7460-6260-9	board	12		9 to 10	E3	£5.99	2004	HarperCollins Distribution Service

2. CHILDREN'S SERIES: 0 – 5 YEARS

	Bob the Builder	Penguin Character Books					9 to 10	E3			Penguin Books
Alan Ahlberg	Funnybones	Puffin					11 to 12	L1			Penguin Books
Jez Alborough	Duck in the Truck	HarperCollins Children's					9 to 10	E3			HarperCollins Distribution Services
Nick Butterworth	Percy the Park Keeper	HarperCollins Children's					9 to 10	E3			HarperCollins Distribution Services
Lucy Cousins	Maisy	Walker Books					9 to 10	E3			Macmillan Distribution
Yves Got	Louie	Zero to Ten					9 to 10	E3			Evans Publishing Distribution
Eric Hill	Spot the Dog	Frederick Warne					9 to 10	E3			Penguin Books
Katharine Holabird	Angelina Ballerina	Puffin					9 to 11	E3/L1			Penguin Books
Mick Inkpen	Kipper	Hodder Children's					9 to 10	E3			Bookpoint
David McKee	Elmer	Andersen Press					9 to 10	E3			TBS The Book Service
Korky Paul & Valerie Thomas	Winnie the Witch	OUP					9 to 11	E3/L1			OUP Distribution Services
Tony Ross	Little Princess	Andersen Press					9 to 10	E3			TBS The Book Service
Jane Simmons	Daisy the Duck	Orchard					9 to 10	E3			Bookpoint
Miriam Stoppard	Toddler Playskills	Dorling Kindersley					9 to 10	E3			Penguin Books

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Fiona Watts	Touchy-Feely Board Books	Usborne Publishing					9 to 10	E3			HarperCollins Distribution Services

3. CHILDREN'S TITLES: 6 – 10 YEARS

	Digger	Dorling Kindersley	978-1-4053-1535-7	pbk	32	NF	9 to 10	E3	£4.99	2006	Penguin Books
	DK Dictionary	Dorling Kindersley	978-1-4053-0154-1	pbk	256	NF	11 to 12	L1	£9.99	2003	Penguin Books
	Explorer	DK Wonder Series	978-1-4053-1305-6	hbk	48	NF	13 to 14	L2	£5.99	2006	Penguin Books
	Go!	Dorling Kindersley	978-1-4053-1344-5	hbk	240	NF	11 to 14	L1/L2	£19.99	2006	Penguin Books
	Planet Cookbook	Dorling Kindersley	978-1-4053-1636-1	hbk	48	Cooking	11 to 14	L1/L2	£7.99	2006	Penguin Books
Simon Adams	Mega Bites: Codebreakers	Dorling Kindersley	978-0-7513-3751-8	pbk	96	NF	11 to 14	L1/L2	£4.99	2002	Penguin Books
Allan Ahlberg	Friendly Matches	Puffin	978-0-14-130749-7	pbk	96	Poetry	9 to 12	E3/L1		2002	Penguin Books
Laurence Anholt	Rumply Crumple Stinky Pin	Orchard Books	978-1-84121-412-2	pbk	64	Fairy tales	9	E3	£3.99	2002	Bookpoint
Mary Arrigan	Chocolate Moon	Barrington Stoke	978-1-84299-293-7	pbk	96	Families	9 to 10	E3	£4.99	2005	Bounce
Roger Bridgman	1000 Inventions and Discoveries	Dorling Kindersley	978-1-4053-1419-0	pbk	256	NF	13 to 14	L2	£9.99	2006	Penguin Books
Michael Coleman	Wicked World Cup (Foul Football Series)	Scholastic	978-0-439-94999-6	pbk	192	NF	13 to 14	L2	£4.99	2006	Scholastic Ltd
Louise Cooper	Short & Spooky!	OUP	978-0-19-275412-7	pbk	96	Ghost stories	9 to 10	E3	£4.99	2005	OUP Distribution Services
Terry Deary	Ghost For Sale	Barrington Stoke	978-1-84299-324-8	pbk	84	Ghost/Humour	9 to 10	E3	£4.99	2005	Bounce

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Anita Ganeri/Chris Oxlade	DK Encyclopedia	Dorling Kindersley	978-1-4053-0155-8	pbk	160	NF	11 to 12	L1	£8.99	2003	Penguin Books
Pippa Goodhart	You Choose!	Doubleday	978-0-385-60176-4	pictur e	32		9 to 10	E3	£10.99	2003	TBS The Book Service
Richard Hammond	Can you feel the force?	Dorling Kindersley	978-1-4053-1543-2	hbk	96	NF	11 to 14	L1/L2		2006	Penguin Books
Nicola Hodgson	David Beckham	Raintree	978-1-84443-762-7	pbk	56	Sport	11 to 12	L1	£8.25	2006	Harcourt Education
Richard Kidd	The Giant Goldfish Robbery	Corgi Yearling	978-0-440-86412-7	pbk	160	Action/ Humour	9 to 10	E3	£4.99	1999	TBS The Book Service
Knife & Packer	Captain Fact's Space Adventure	Egmont	978-1-4052-0832-1	graphi c	96		11 to 12	L1	£3.99	2004	HarperCollins Distribution Service
Knife & Packer	Captain Fact's Human Body Adventure	Egmont	978-1-4052-1769-9	graphi c	96		11 to 12	L1	£3.99	2005	HarperCollins Distribution Service
Elmore Leonard	A Coyote's in the House	Puffin	0-14-131688-8	pbk	160		13 to 14	L2	£4.99	2005	Penguin Books
Fiona MacDonald	Avoid Being in a Medieval Dungeon!	Book House	978-1-904194-54-5	pbk	32	History	13 to 14	L2	£5.99	2003	Macmillan Distribution
Spike Milligan	A Children's Treasury of Milligan	Virgin Books	978-1-85227-891-5	hbk	212	Poetry	9 to 10	E3	£12.99	2004	TBS The Book Service
Michael Morpurgo	Wartman	Barrington Stoke	978-1-84299-379-8	pbk	72	Familie s	9 to 10	E3	£4.99	2006	Bounce
Carl Nural	My Daddy is a Giant	Macmillan	978-1-4050-2168-5	pictur e	32		11 to 12	L1	£4.99	2005	Macmillan Distribution
ed David Orme	Ere We Go Football Poems	Macmillan	978-0-330-70064-1	pbk		Poetry	11 to 14	L1/L2		1996	Macmillan Distribution
Tom Palmer	Shaking Hands with Michael Rooney	Grassroots Football Fiction	978-1-901936-07-0	pbk	50	Sport	9 to 10	E3	£2.99	2006	Grassroots Football Fiction
Chris Ryan	Survival	Red Fox	0-09-943924-7	pbk	206	Action	9 to 10	E3	£5.99	2002	TBS The Book Service

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Peter Sanderson	The X-Men: the Ultimate Guide	Dorling Kindersley	978-1-4053-1325-4	graphi c	192		11 to 12	L1	£16.99	2006	Penguin Books
ed. Catherine Saunders	Play Football	Dorling Kindersley	978-1-4053-1123-6	hbk	64	NF	11 to 12	L1	£6.99	2006	Penguin Books
Denny/Caroline Waldegrave	The Quick & Easy Cook Book for Kids	Walker	978-1-4063-0278-3	pbk	64	Cookery	13 to 14	L2	£7.99	2006	Macmillan Distribution

4. CHILDREN'S SERIES: 6 – 10 YEARS

	Brilliant Brits	Orion					11 to 12	L1			Littlehampton Book Services
Steve Barlow/Steve Brightmore	Machines at Work	Dorling Kindersley					9 to 10	E3			Penguin Books
Eoin Colfer	Vernon Bright	Puffin					10 to 12	E3/L1			Penguin Books
	Artemis Fowl	Puffin					11 to 13	L1/L2			Penguin Books
Anthony Horowitz	Alex Rider	Walker Books					13 to 14	L2			Macmillan Distribution
Daisy Meadows	Rainbow Magic	Orchard					11 to 12	L1			Bookpoint
Dav Pilkey	Captain Underpants	Scholastic					9 to 10	E3			Scholastic Ltd
Francesca Simon	Horrid Henry	Orion					11 to 12	L1			Littlehampton Book Services
Lemony Snicket	A Series of Unfortunate Events	HarperCollins Children's					11 to 13	L1/L2			HarperCollins Distribution Services
Jeremy Strong	Hundred-Mile-an-Hour Dog	Puffin					11 to 12	L1			Penguin Books
Jacqueline Wilson	Tracy Beaker	Corgi Children's					13 to 14	L2			TBS The Book Service
Ian Whybrow	Little Wolf	Collins Children's					9 to 10	E3			HarperCollins Distribution Services